Youth's Department.

Conducted by Lottie Holsinger.

The Life-Clock.

There is a little mystic clock
No human eye hath seen,
That beateth on, and beateth on
From morning until e'en.

And when the soul is wrapped in sleep,
All silent and alone,
It ticks and ticks the livelong night,
And never runneth down.

O! wondrous is that work of art,
Which kneils the passing hour;
But art n'er formed nor mind conceived
The life clock's magic power.

Nor set in gold nor decked with gems
By wealth and pride possessed;
But rich or poor, or high or low,
Each hears it in his breast.

When life's deep stream, 'mid budding flowers,
All still and softly glides,
Like the wavelet's step, with a gentle beat,
It warns of passing tides.

When threat'ning darkness gathers o'er,
And hope's bright visions flee,
Like the sullen strokes of the muffled oar,
It beateth heavily.

When passion nerves the warrior's arm
For deeds of hate and wrong,
Though heeded not the fearful sound,
The knell is deep and strong.

When eyes to eyes are gazing soft,
And tender words are spoken,
Then fast and wild it rattles on,
As if with love 'twere broken,

Such is the clock that measures life,
Of flesh and spirit blended:
And thus 'twill run, within the breast,
Till that strange life is ended.

Our Scripture Lesson For Oct. 26th.

Read 1 Kings 6 : 1—14.

This lesson tells about the building of the temple by Solomon. David had prepared much of the material for the house. Timber, stone, iron, brass, silver and gold he had collected in abundance; but he had been a man of war, and for this reason God would not permit him to build the temple: but David was given a son whose name was called Solomon, signifying peaceful, and he was chosen to build the house of the Lord.

Solomon had been king about four years before he commenced this building, and it took him over seven years to complete it. If we consider that Solomon employed thousands of men during this time, we can form some idea of what an immense building it was. How beautiful must be a building finished off in silver and gold, but this was to be the dwelling place of the Lord and nothing was to mar its beauty. In this house the children of Israel were to meet and offer up sacrifices and prayers to God, and as they obeyed his commandments, he promised to dwell among them and prosper them.

There is an important lesson to be learned from the building of Solomon's temple, which was the house of God. All the stones and timber were prepared in the quarries and mountains so that the sound of the hammer might not be heard while erecting the house. This teaches us that we should be very quiet when we go to church that we may hear the words of God as the minister reads them in the Bible. The temple was to be, in every way perfect and grand, and this teaches us that we should try to be perfect, so God can dwell in our hearts and give us many blessings.

Like Solomon, we should tell God that we are but little children, and pray for knowledge and wisdom that we may know His will and be able to walk uprightly.

God promised Solomon and the children of Israel that if they would obey his commandments he would dwell with them, and this same promise is given to us; if we keep ourselves from sin and walk in the ways of the Lord, he will abide with us and lead us into all the pleasant places of life.

Real holiness has love for its essence, humility for its clothing, the good of others for its employment, and the honor of God as its end.

Report of Ashland Dewdrop club for week ending Oct. 17.

Ashland Dewdrop Club	.55
Aubrey O. Beekley -	.25
Bertie R. " -	.25
Zurie L. Saylor - -	.25
Sarah E. Saylor -	.25
Previously reported -	9.96
Total - - -	$11.51

My Dear Children:

Your letters are always full of interest to me. I cannot tell you how well pleased I am to learn that you are keeping up an interest in your department. Every where I go, I meet with many of your friends, who pray for your success and are always anxious to hear from you. May God bless all his little helpers.

I have gathered a few contributions for your mission fund; below I give the names of donors:

Aubrey O. Beekley -	.25
Bertie R. Beekley - -	.25
Woodlawn, Kansas.	
Zurie L. Saylor - -	.25
Sarah Elizabeth Saylor -	.25
Morrill, Kansas.	

H. R. HOLSINGER.

We feel that all are interested in our work; but we like to have them so. The contributions were welcome to the Dewdrop treasury. I think I recognize one of the names, but may be mistaken. May God bless each generous giver.

Letters from the Children.

Dear Lottie: I have been silent a long time, but will now write you a little letter. There has been five weeks school, and I have gone every day. My teacher's name is Lizzie Shroyer; she is a very good teacher. My studies are reading, spelling, arithmetic and grammar. Your Papa spent an evening with us a few weeks ago, we were glad to see him. I am eleven years old.

BERTHA BINKLEY.

Huntington, Ind.

We were wondering what had become of our correspondents, but we were not impatient, for we have learned that waiting brings its reward.

I am pleased to know that you welcomed papa and thank you for it. Hope you will not tire of your studies.

Dear Lottie: I am delighted with the children's letters, and I have been wishing that I could have more interest in mine. I live in the country and I think it is a very pleasant place to live. We have no Brethren church here, but I wish we had. I have never been to the Brethren Sunday-school yet but I used to attend a Union Sunday school that was partly attended by the Brethren but I am sorry to say that it all broke up. I do not attend school now as it has not commenced yet, but I wish it would.

I will answer Lucinda Strayer's question. Sampson was the strongest man which will be found in the third chapter of Judges. ELMA ARMSTRONG.

Atwood, Ind.

You have no occasion to be discouraged; your letters always tell what is of interest to me, and I know many are anxious to hear from our little Atwood friend.

I always enjoy my trips to the country and think I would enjoy a country home.

I hope you may soon have a church and having the church, you will, of course, have a Sunday school.

Dear Editor; I will try and write another letter for the children's column. My father takes your paper and likes to read the letters from the little girls and boys. I go to Juction City to Sunday school. I like my teacher very well. We have a large school. I am not going to day school yet, but am going to start in December. Two of us go in the summer and two in winter. We are having a nice long fall; we have had frost one night, but not a very heavy one.

Now, little boys and girls, please give Lottie all she can do this week. If you do not write more than two or three line its will be that much, and try this motto: "Try again." I will close by adding a stanza of poetry.

"O spirit free from bondage,
Rejoice, thy work is done!
The weary world is 'neath thy feet,
Thou brighter than the sun."

LABAN DAVIS.

Junction City, Kans.

Your request to your little friends is an earnest one, Laban, and we trust it may have many responses.

Wish your Sunday school much success and hope it may add to its size each week.

Dear Dew Drops:

We send fifty-five cents in our regular report. It is not much, but we hope to double it soon. We are trying to do all we can and would like to hear of other clubs being formed. With love to all.

ASHLAND DEW DROP CLUB.
CLARA BENNINGOFF, Pres.
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I echo the wish of the Ashland Dew drops. Will we not soon hear of other mission clubs being formed among the young folks. God bless these little drops of help.

Girlhood.

If the following words addressed to "Rosebud in Society," by Louis Chandler Moulton, in *Our Continent*, were heeded, how many households in the land. She says;

"To be fresh and as yet ungathered rosebud is for a girl to be, if she will, a power for good—a sweetness and a delight to every beholder. But—

"While roses are so red,
And lillies are so white,
Shall a woman exalt her face
Because it gives delight?

"The brightest bloom is but brief, and the girl is wise who uses her girlhood as the period in which she may learn to be a woman. Give me the rose who has no thorns, who never is known to judge harshly or speak ungenerously, and who uses the power of her beauty for blessing, and not for bane. She it is who need fear no autumn, since age cannot wither or custom stale the variety of her charm.

"There is no safeguard so potent as purity. Before Una the lion crouched; and the girl whose heart is pure need fear no foe and no rudeness. I am in no haste to see a girl like this enter the gate of matrimony, no matter how great the store of glory. The unmatched sweetness of girlhood can never again be hers. Let her June be long."

By and By.

"You should attend chuch and Sabbath-school," said an old gentleman to a young man just starting in business.

"I can't now," was the reply; "I may by and by, but now I am very busy. I am anxious to succeed in life, and I toil hard all the week, so that when Sunday comes I am glad to rest. Besides, business sometimes demands my attention on that day. It isn't right, I know, but I can't help it; I am driven to it. By and by I hope it will be different. Then I can enjoy those things of which you speak."

By and by, a trembling old man drew near the grave. The way was dark, for, alas! he had no hope. He had plenty of time to think of "those things" now, for he was too aged to work. But the day brought no pleasant thoughts of Him who should have been the comfort of his declining years; for in youth he had been too busy to seek His acquintance. Night was a terror to him, but its darkness was light compared to that rayless future that lay just before him.

Who can imagine a state of deeper gloom? Yet it is what many young men are choosing and laying up for themselves, in those treacherous, mystic words *by and by*.

God denies a Christian nothing but with a design to give him something better.

In the dark cloud of a great sorrow the beautiful bow of God's promise is often seen if we look up.

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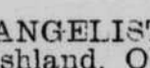

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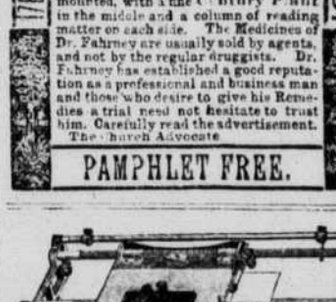

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